

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH A B S T R A C T

Public Services – Treasuries and Accounts Department – Allegation of corruption against Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, age 49 years, S/o A. Subba Rayudu, Sr. Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Badvel, Y.S.R. Kadapa District – Trapped on 03-08-2011 – Sanction for Prosecution – Orders –Issued.

FINANCE (ADMN-III) DEPARTMENT

G.O. Ms. No. 81 Dated: 11-04-2014

ORDER:

- 1. Whereas Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Badvel, Y.S.R. Kadapa District worked from 20-09-1984 to 03-08-2011 and by virtue of post by him he falls under the category of Public Servant as defined Under Section 2 (c) of the P.C. Act, 1988.
- 2. And whereas Sri Pilli Ramana Reddy, age 33 years, S/o P. Venkata Subba Reddy, R/o Tellapadu Village, Kalasapadu Mandal working as Secondary Grade Teacher at Doolamvaripalli Village, Kalasapadu Mandal, Y.S.R. Kadapa District.
- And whereas on 02-08-2011 at 10-30 hours Sri Pilli Ramana Reddy came to ACB Office, Tirupati and lodged a report with Inspector of Police, ACB, Tirupati. The facts of the compliant are that he is working as Secondary Grade Teacher of MPP School, Doolamvaripalli Village, Kalasapadu Mandal. He is also president of Kalasapadu Mandal STU unit (State Teachers Union). On the directions of MEO, he used to attend Sub Treasury Office, Badvel now and then as Messenger for Treasury bills. Whenever he was sent as Messenger for Treasury Bills, his signatures will be obtained on Paper Token and APTC form 101 enclosed to the bills and the same will be attested by the MEO and the same will be given and sent to the Treasury Office. He was shown as a Messenger by his MEO in the bills of 52 teachers of his Mandal related to Automatic Advancement Scheme (6 years, 12 years and 18 years) pay fixation arrears and the same bills were given to him on 22-07-2011. He took the bills to Sub Treasury Office, Badvel on the same day and gave them to Sri Agigala Sowmyanathaiah. The total amount of these bills is about Rs. 3,93,000/-. Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah informed him that he would process the bills and see that the bills would be passed, for which amount to be given to him as bribe and asked Sri Pilli Ramana Reddy to come and talk with him later. On 25-07-2011 he visited Badvel Sub Treasury Office and met Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, who demanded him to pay an amount of Rs. 10,000/- as bribe to Process the bills and to get them passed, otherwise he would not process the bills. He expressed his inability to pay that much amount as bribe. Again on 01-08-2011 he visited Badvel Sub Treasury Office and met Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, who categorically demanded him to pay Rs. 10,000/- for processing the bills. He pleaded that he is not in a position to give that much amount. Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah informed that the bills would not be passed if he does not process the bills and demanded him to pay at least Rs.8,000/- as bribe to him. Otherwise, he bluntly refused to process the bills. Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah asked him to get and give the bribe amount within two or three days. Having no other go, he agreed to give bribe amount, but he is not willing to get the bills passed by paying the bribe amount to Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah. Hence, he requested to take necessary action against Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah.
- 4. And whereas on 03-08-2011 after verification the DSP, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati registered the report as a case in Cr. No. 13/RCT-TCD/2011 U/sec 7 of the P.C. Act, 1988 of ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati and took up investigation. The DSP, ACB, Tirupati Range, Tirupati conducted pre-trap proceedings on 03-08-2011 from 13:00 hrs to 14-30 hrs in the presence of two mediators, the other Inspector, staff, Sri Pilli Ramana Reddy, all the required formalities to observe compiled with.

- And whereas on 03-08-2011 Sri. Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant was trapped when he demanded and accepted bribe of Rs. 8,000/- from Sri Pilli Ramana Reddy, age 33 years, S/o P. Venkata Subba Reddy, R/o Tellapadu village, Kalasapadu Mandal in the O/o Sub Treasury, Badvel and he gave the bribe amount of Rs. 8,000/- to Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant and he received the amount with his right hand and he kept that amount in his shirt pocket. When both hands of Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah were subjected to chemical test, the right hand fingers of Sri. Arigala Sowmyanathaiah yielded positive result. Tainted amount of Rs.8,000/- was received from his possession. The DSP got the inner linings of the shirt pocket dipped in the solution and on doing so, the colour of the solution turned to pink. The DSP seized the records 1) 52 arrears bills of teachers of Kalasapadu Mandal submitted to Sub Treasury Office for Automatic Advancement Scheme – prepared as a made up file containing sheets 1 to 778, (2) Computer printout of Token List dt.25-07-2011 showing net amount paid to individuals containing sheets 1 to 4, (3) Computer printout of Audit List of pending bills pertaining to the seat of Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaih as on 03-08-2011 containing sheets 1 to 8, (4) Fly-Leaf Register of MEO, Kalasapadu being maintained by Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, (5) Attendance Register being maintained in Sub Treasury Office, Badvel from 01-01-2011 to 03-08-2011 and (6) Office order Book maintained in Sub Treasury Office, Badvel containing entrustment of duties to the staff.
- 6. And whereas the acts of Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Badvel, Y.S.R. Kadapa District constitute offences punishable U/sec 7, 13(2) r/w 13(1) (d) of the P.C. Act, 1988 (Act of 49 of 1988).
- 7. And whereas, the Government of Andhra Pradesh being the authority competent to remove the said Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Badvel, Y.S.R. Kadapa District after fully and carefully examining the materials viz., copy of FIR, copies of mediator report I & II, Statements of witnesses, copies of documents and other material placed before them, with regard to the said allegations and circumstances of the case, it is considered that the said Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Badvel, Y.S.R. Kadapa District should be prosecuted in a court of law for the said offences.
- 8. Now, therefore in exercise of the powers conferred by clause (b) of sub-section (1) of Section 19 of the P.C. Act, 1988, (Act of 49 of 1988) the Government of Andhra Pradesh hereby accord sanction for the prosecution of the said Sri Arigala Sowmyanathaiah, Sr. Accountant, O/o Sub Treasury Office, Badvel, Y.S.R. Kadapa District for the offences punishable under sections U/sec. 7, 13 (2) r/w 13 (1) (d) of the P.C. Act, 1988 (Act of 49 of 1988) and for any other cognate offences punishable and for any other provisions of law for the time being in force in respect of the afore said acts and for taking cognizance of the said offences by a court of competent jurisdiction.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Dr. D. SAMBASIVA RAO PRL.SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT (FP)

To,
The Director General,
Anti-Corruption Bureau,
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The Commissioner,
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